hereditary fibrosing poikiloderma with tendon contractures, myopathy, and pulmonary fibrosis

Hereditary fibrosing poikiloderma with tendon contractures, myopathy, and pulmonary fibrosis (abbreviated POIKTMP), is a disorder that affects many parts of the body, particularly the skin, muscles, lungs, and pancreas. Signs and symptoms vary among affected individuals.

People with POIKTMP have patchy changes in skin coloring and small clusters of blood vessels just under the skin (telangiectases), a combination known as poikiloderma. These skin changes begin in infancy and occur primarily on the face. They can also have red, scaly skin patches and mild swelling (lymphedema) of the arms and legs; thickened skin on the palms of the hands and soles of the feet (palmoplantar keratoderma); and abnormal hardening (sclerosis) of tissues in the fingers and toes. People with this disorder usually have sparse scalp hair, and their eyelashes and eyebrows can also be sparse or absent. Affected individuals have a decreased ability to sweat (hypohidrosis), which impairs their ability to tolerate heat.

Reduced movement of joints (contractures) caused by shortening of the connective tissues that attach muscles to bone (tendons) usually develops during childhood in people with POIKTMP. These contractures often affect the calf, resulting in turning in (valgus deformity) of the feet. Contractures can also affect the elbows and wrists. In addition, people with POIKTMP usually develop muscle weakness (myopathy) in the arms and legs, and medical imaging shows abnormal fatty tissue in the muscles.

Adults with POIKTMP can develop a condition called pulmonary fibrosis, in which scar tissue forms in the lungs. Pulmonary fibrosis eventually causes difficulty breathing and can be life-threatening within a few years after symptoms begin.

In addition to the skin, muscle, and lung problems that give this condition its name, people with POIKTMP can also have a shortage (deficiency) of enzymes produced by the pancreas to aid in the digestion of fats. This deficiency can lead to diarrhea and poor absorption of fats and fat-soluble vitamins. Liver problems, short stature, and delayed puberty can also occur in affected individuals. Intellectual development is not affected by this disorder.

Frequency

The prevalence of POIKTMP is unknown. At least 25 affected individuals have been described in the medical literature. POIKTMP is thought to be under-diagnosed because affected individuals may have only one or a few features of the disorder, and health care providers may not recognize these features as part of POIKTMP.

Genetic Changes

POIKTMP is caused by mutations in the *FAM111B* gene. This gene provides instructions for making a protein whose function is not well understood. The FAM111B protein, which is found in many parts of the body, contains a functional region called a peptidase domain. Similar proteins containing such a domain are able to break down other proteins. However, the types of proteins the FAM111B protein interacts with and the roles it plays in the body are unknown.

The *FAM111B* gene mutations that cause POIKTMP result in production of an abnormal FAM111B protein from one copy of the gene in each cell. Because most of the *FAM111B* mutations identified in people with POIKTMP result in changes in the peptidase domain, researchers think that the mutations alter the protein's function, and that these changes in FAM111B function underlie the varied signs and symptoms of POIKTMP.

Inheritance Pattern

This condition is inherited in an autosomal dominant pattern, which means one copy of the altered gene in each cell is sufficient to cause the disorder.

In about half of cases, an affected person inherits the mutation from one affected parent. Other cases result from new mutations in the gene and occur in people with no history of the disorder in their family.

Other Names for This Condition

- hereditary sclerosing poikiloderma with tendon and pulmonary involvement
- HFP
- POIKTMP

Diagnosis & Management

Genetic Testing

 Genetic Testing Registry: Poikiloderma, hereditary fibrosing, with tendon contractures, myopathy, and pulmonary fibrosis https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/qtr/conditions/C3810325/

Other Diagnosis and Management Resources

- GeneReview: Hereditary Fibrosing Poikiloderma with Tendon Contractures, Myopathy, and Pulmonary Fibrosis https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK390610
- National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI): Pulmonary Function Tests https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/health-topics/topics/lft

- National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI): What Is Pulmonary Rehabilitation?
 - https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/health-topics/topics/pulreh
- Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation: Treatment Options http://www.pulmonaryfibrosis.org/life-with-pf/pulmonary-fibrosis-treatment-options

General Information from MedlinePlus

- Diagnostic Tests
 https://medlineplus.gov/diagnostictests.html
- Drug Therapy https://medlineplus.gov/drugtherapy.html
- Genetic Counseling https://medlineplus.gov/geneticcounseling.html
- Palliative Care https://medlineplus.gov/palliativecare.html
- Surgery and Rehabilitation https://medlineplus.gov/surgeryandrehabilitation.html

Additional Information & Resources

MedlinePlus

- Encyclopedia: Contracture Deformity https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/003185.htm
- Health Topic: Muscle Disorders https://medlineplus.gov/muscledisorders.html
- Health Topic: Pulmonary Fibrosis https://medlineplus.gov/pulmonaryfibrosis.html
- Health Topic: Skin Conditions https://medlineplus.gov/skinconditions.html

Genetic and Rare Diseases Information Center

 Hereditary fibrosing poikiloderma with tendon contractures, myopathy, and pulmonary fibrosis https://rarediseases.info.nih.gov/diseases/13218/hereditary-fibrosing-poikilodermawith-tendon-contractures-myopathy-and-pulmonary-fibrosis

Additional NIH Resources

 National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS): Myopathy Information Page https://www.ninds.nih.gov/Disorders/All-Disorders/Myopathy-Information-Page

Educational Resources

- MalaCards
 http://www.malacards.org/card/poikiloderma_hereditary_fibrosing_with_t
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- Orphanet: Hereditary sclerosing poikiloderma with tendon and pulmonary involvement http://www.orpha.net/consor/cgi-bin/OC_Exp.php?Lng=EN&Expert=221043

Patient Support and Advocacy Resources

- American Lung Association http://www.lung.org/lung-health-and-diseases/lung-disease-lookup/pulmonary-fibrosis/
- British Association of Dermatologists: Skin Support http://skinsupport.org.uk/
- British Skin Foundation http://www.britishskinfoundation.org.uk/
- Canadian Skin Patient Alliance http://www.canadianskin.ca/en/
- Children's Skin Disease Foundation https://www.csdf.org/
- Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation http://www.pulmonaryfibrosis.org/home
- University of Kansas Medical Center Resource List: Dermatology and Genetics http://www.kumc.edu/gec/support/derm.html

GeneReviews

 Hereditary Fibrosing Poikiloderma with Tendon Contractures, Myopathy, and Pulmonary Fibrosis https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK390610

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